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WE ARE HOPING FOR A SOLUTION

Town's council and football club at odds over footpath

By **Jack Johnson**
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DIDCOT Town Council wish to hold peaceful talks with the local football club next week with regard to a dispute over a footpath.

Over the last few weeks differences over access to a footpath linking Ladygrove Park to Willowbrook Leisure Centre have come to light.

The town council claim that gates either end of the path which is on land owned by Didcot Town FC have been unlawfully locked since 2011, denying pedestrians access to a shortcut between the centre and the park.

A letter sent to the club on October 3 from Slade Legal, on behalf of the town council, states that a 99 year lease, which began in 2002, includes the right for pedestrians to use a path on the club's land from the leisure centre to Ladygrove Park.

The letter also says the town council have "legitimate grounds" for taking legal action against the club.

Town council leader Margaret Davies said: "We are still hopeful of a peaceful solution.

"We are seeking a meeting early next week with the football club because we have some practical solutions that we hope could open the gates and work for them.

"At the same time we are maintaining our legal procedures."

In reply to the letter, Justin Lambourne, a member of the football club's executive committee, said he was "astonished by the actions of Didcot Town Council in this matter".

"The agreement stated that Didcot Town Council would be wholly responsible for the opening and closing of the gates to this land, this is a fundamental principle to this agreement," the response continued.

"Didcot Town Council failed

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Know your limits this Christmas...

CELEBRATIONS are common at this time of year but county council chiefs are reminding festive revellers to know their limits during the Christmas and New Year period.

A campaign targeting everybody who will be celebrating at parties across Oxfordshire began last week with the intention of increasing people's knowledge and understanding of alcohol.

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The county council's public health team also want to raise the understanding of drinking more than the government's recommended daily guidelines where men should not regularly exceed 3-4 units a day and 2-3 units for women.

However, there is no safe level of drinking and staying within the guidelines can make a positive difference to people's health.

Cllr Hilary Hibbert Biles, the council's lead member for public health, said: "December can be a really busy month with Christmas parties, drinks and meals every weekend and sometimes throughout the week as well.

"It's very easy to find your diary full of occasions where the drink will be flowing which means keeping within the guideline number of units can difficult.

"Everyone wants to have a good time enjoying all the Christmas season has to offer and we aren't in the business of telling people they can't have fun.

"There are lots of ways to keep the alcohol in check and plenty of places to find out all the facts about drink so that you can enjoy yourself without putting yourself at risk."

To coincide with the campaign the county council have issued some tips to help avoid accidental binge drinking.

It is recommended to download a unit calculator app to help you stick to the guidelines while eating carbohydrates or protein will prevent alcohol from going to your head too quickly.

Other bits of advice include drinking once you are out rather than at home, having a break between beverages and cutting down by, for example, choosing a lower-strength lager.

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Oxford skaters hoping for a fairy tale show!

• *Skaters performing Oliver! at last year's event*

FAIRY Tales on Ice is back this year with what promises to be the best show yet.

Taking place this Saturday and Sunday at Oxford Ice Rink, international, national and local skating championships will put on performances to get everybody in the mood for Christmas.

The show is produced by Oxford Ice Rink and local skate coaches Jane de Lange, Sue Hands and Alison Morrell.

John Harris, general manager of the Rink, said: "This year's show should be the best ever.

"In addition to some great international quality skaters we have a hundred of our own skaters and even Marvin the Penguin taking part.

"The coaches, Ice Rink team, skaters and families have put a lot of work into making this show one of the premier Christmas events in the city and I would encourage everyone to come to the show and get in the Christmas spirit."

Councillor Mike Rowley, board member for Leisure Services, added: "This should be a great event with some of Britain's biggest ice skating stars. It is an ideal way to get into the Christmas holiday mood."

Tickets are on sale now from Oxford Ice Rink and cost £9.50 for adults and £7.50 for under 16s.

Performances are held twice a day at 3pm and 6pm.

Do you have an Oxford story?

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Police hunt laser pen offenders

TWO teenage boys shone a laser pen into the faces of cyclists, pedestrians and bus drivers in Queen Street on December 2.

A 17-year-old boy from Oxford has since been arrested in connection to the incident which happened between 2.30pm and 2.45pm.

He has since been bailed until January 14.

PC Ben Simmons who is investigating the incident said: "We are very keen to hear from anyone who was in this area last Monday afternoon.

"It was a busy time as the streets were full of Christmas shoppers and if any of the victims had been temporarily blinded by the pens, especially the bus drivers, there could have been a terrible accident.

"We would urge anyone who was in Queen Street at that time and saw what happened or who was actually a target for the laser pen to please get in touch as soon as possible."

If you have any information contact PC Simmons via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Student death investigated

POLICE are continuing to investigate the death of a 20-year-old student, who was found dead in a tent at Port Meadow on Sunday afternoon.

The body of Andrew Kirkman, who had been studying physics and philosophy at Balliol College, was discovered by a passer-by at 12.25pm in the tent, which presented a strong odour of chemicals.

At present the death is being treated as unexplained, but police are saying there are no suspicious circumstances.

Supt Steve Hockin said: "Early indications are that the chemical involved in the death of the man is hydrogen sulphide."

The area was cordoned off overnight while further investigations were made, with Port Meadow being completely reopened on Monday.

Supt Christian Bunt said: "These types of incidents are fairly uncommon and tricky to deal with. I can't remember a similar incident in the past, certainly not during my tenure over the last 12 months."

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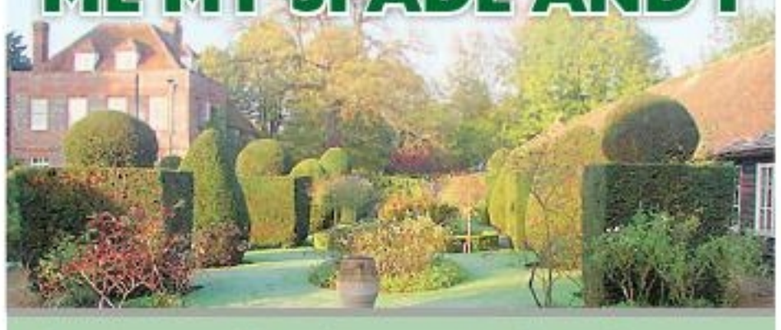

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Popular bridleway is finally set to re-open

A POPULAR bridleway that has been closed seven weeks longer than it should have been could be re-opening next week.

Cyclists have been unable to use the Sutton Courtenay and Didcot stretch of the National Cycle Network Route Five since August 19.

This has caused them to use Milton Road which runs adjacent to the A4130 to commute into Didcot.

It was closed just under four months ago by Oxfordshire County Council as National Grid work was to be carried out in connection with Didcot Power Station.

A sign put up at the site by the county council reads that the bridleway is closed "to enable electricity cabling and drainage works to take place in part of Sutton Courtenay Bridleway 24 and Didcot Bridleway 27".

The work was anticipated to take nine weeks to complete and prohibited anyone from using that part of the Bridleway from the A4130 roundabout at Hawksworth.

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However, 16 weeks after it was closed the cyclepath looks as though it will finally re-open.

A spokesperson for Sustrans, a leading UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport, said: "It was closed because of the National Grid work at the power station.

"It was apparently due to some difficulties with access and the works that needed to be done were overrun quite significantly so they did not start for a few weeks.

"But the work is very nearly done and the target is to re-open the route next week."

In the meantime the alternative route is via a shared cycleway alongside the A4130, Milton Road and Sutton Courtenay Road.

• The closed bridleway at Hawksworth roundabout (Picture by 6point75)

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Road to shut

A FULL road closure will be in place on Basil Hill Road on December 14 and 15 as Network Rail continue to construct the access road into Foxhall Junction.

Work started on the junction on November 11 and was expected to last for six weeks.

Two way light traffic management has been implemented on Basil Hill Road since work began but it will be closed fully this weekend.

Closures

THE Town Council office and Information Centre will be closed for Christmas and New Year from 12pm on Christmas Eve to 8.45am on January 2.

Messages can be left on 01235 812637 or council@didcot.gov.uk.

In the event of an emergency, contact the South Oxfordshire District Council out of hours service on 01491 824033.

School action

NOW is the time to be applying for a place at primary school for your three or four-year-old child.

The closing date for applicants is January 15 but Oxfordshire County Council advise that you apply well before that date.

You can apply online or download a form at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Youngsters show they are six of the best!

SIX youngsters from in and around Didcot have been honoured at a South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) ceremony highlighting achievements in arts, sports and citizenship.

Twenty seven people between the ages of 11 and 18 received awards at Benson Parish Hall on December 4 from SODC chairman Cllr Dorothy Brown and vice-chairman Ann Midwinter.

It is a part of the council's Young Achievers Scheme and each winner was awarded a certificate and a cheque of up to £250.

Four youngsters from Didcot received sports awards - Alex Nichols (golf), Molly Ripley (swimming), Oliver Ripley (swimming) and Rebecca Blair (badminton).

Jessica Smart, also from Didcot, received an art award for achievements in arts and crafts.

Alicia Robinson from East Hagbourne was also a recipient of a sports award for her achievements in motorcycle trials.

Cllr Bill Service, cabinet member for grants at the council, said: "It is a privilege to award these young people.

"More often than not, the efforts and dedication of young people are overlooked, so it is our pleasure to both acknowledge them and also hopefully provide them with the means to take the next step in their development."

Club and council clash over path

• From front page

continuously to abide by this requirement or prevent the misuse of the facility.

"At this point I will point out that Didcot Town Football Club has a legal duty of care for those using its facilities and takes this responsibility extremely seriously."

The letter adds that as a consequence of the town council failing to secure the site, there were numerous problems.

It said that more than £2,000 of damage was caused to football club property, broken glass was deposited on the site, while drug use and paraphernalia was found to the rear of Willowbrook Leisure Centre.

Cllr Davies said the problems were "never reported".

The matter could go to court while councillors will decide whether to take legal action at a meeting on January 13.

Club chairman John Bailey declined to comment.

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Oxfordshire pays its respects to freedom fighter Mandela

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TRIBUTES have been pouring in from across the city for former South African president Nelson Mandela.

Mr Mandela, who died last Thursday at the age of 95, visited the city on two occasions and, as he was across the world, thought of dearly by the people of Oxford.

His death was announced on South African national TV by President Jacob Zuma, who said Mr Mandela was at peace.

The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd John Pritchard, led the tributes, saying "the world has lost one of its noblest figures".

• Nelson Mandela (Picture by Rob Judges Photography / Oxford University images)

"His courage, dignity and unswerving loyalty to truth made his long walk to freedom an inspiration for untold millions of people, especially those who continue to live under tyranny," Revd Pritchard continued.

"His years of imprisonment only strengthened his moral and spiritual resources.

"May he rest in peace, and rise in glory."

Mr Mandela, also known by Madiba, his tribal name, visited the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies in 1997 and Oxford University's Saïd Business School in 2002. He received an honorary degree from Oxford University and was given the freedom of the city in 1997.

Oxford University's vice-chancellor Professor Andrew Hamilton, said: "Nelson Mandela was an inspiration wherever he went and we remember with affection and gratitude his association with this university.

"We were honoured to welcome him to Oxford to open the lecture theatre at the Saïd Business School that bears his name, and continue to take pride in the work of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme for African students. Like people all over the world we mourn the passing of an extraordinary man, whose life and example has the power to teach us all."

Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon who was born in South Africa, said: "The fact that we are all struggling to put into words the transformational impact of Mandela's life is a fitting tribute.

"He defied the rules: met injustice with forgiveness, conflict with reconciliation and division with unifying leadership.

"It is up to all of us now to honour his life's work by continuing to fight oppression and human rights abuses wherever we find them."

Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron also paid tribute to Mr Mandela saying "a great light has gone out in the world".

He added: "Nelson Mandela was a towering figure in our time; a legend in life and now in death - a true global hero.

"Across the country he loved, they will be mourning a man who was the embodiment of grace. Meeting him was one of the great honours of my life."

Dr Hojjat Ramzy, representative of the Muslim Community of Oxford, said: "He was a man who put aside his own hardships and sacrificed every ounce of his energy to ensure a better world for his people, the people of South Africa and the people of the world.

"He was a teacher, who taught the world the true meaning of tolerance and brotherhood, the same message that runs deep in the Holy Qur'an and Muslim veins. He may have passed, but his legacy remains forever."

An official memorial service was held in Johannesburg on Tuesday while Mr Mandela's state funeral will be held in the village of Qunu this Sunday.

'The world has lost one of its noblest figures'

- 1918 Born in Mvezo, South Africa
- 1944 Joined the African National Congress (ANC)
- 1952 Qualified as a lawyer and set up South Africa's first black law firm
- 1956 Arrested and charged with treason along with 155 others
- 1960 Formed a military wing of the ANC after 69 protestors were killed by police in Sharpeville and the government banned the ANC
- 1962 Arrested and tried for leaving the country illegally
- 1963 Charged with sabotage while in prison
- 1964 Sentenced to life with seven others and jailed on Robben Island
- 1990 President Frederik Willem de Klerk lifted the ban on the ANC and Mr Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison
- 1991 Elected ANC president
- 1993 Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize alongside President FW de Klerk for efforts to bring stability to South Africa
- 1994 Became president
- 1997 Stepped down as ANC president
- 2004 Announced his retirement from public life
- 2008 Attended a concert in Hyde Park, London, to mark his 90th birthday
- 2010 Appeared at the closing ceremony of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa
- 2011 Admitted to hospital with a respiratory infection
- 2013 After suffering repeated infections he died at his home on December 5

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Xmas concert

MENTAL health charity Mind are staging their Christmas Concert on Saturday evening, to raise money to help and support people with emotional issues in Oxfordshire.

The concert and sing-in will feature local professional and amateur singers for an evening of carols, festive tunes taking place at the Parish Church of St Michael at the North Gate. It starts at 7pm.

Charity appeal

FAMILIES can raise money for Diabetes UK during the run up to Christmas by taking part in the charity's Letters from Santa appeal.

This arranges for children to receive a personalised letter from Santa. The letter, which also includes an activity booklet, certificate of good behaviour, photo and text message, costs £4.99.

Botley theft

CASH and a green Landrover Defender were stolen from a farm barn in Tilbury Lane, Botley.

The offenders broke in between 5pm on December 4 and 6am on December 5.

If you have seen any supicious activity in the area, call the police on 101 or Crimestoppers.

Sham wedding busted by immigration officers

A MAN faces removal from the UK after he was arrested following a suspected sham wedding, which was taking place at Oxford Register Office last Thursday.

Home Office Immigration Enforcement officers raided the wedding at 12.30pm, after acting on information that the relationship may not be genuine.

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They arrested a 23-year-old Pakistani man who was found to have been in the country illegally having overstayed his visa, and has been detained.

The bride, a 24-year-old Portuguese woman, was questioned by officers but later released.

Paul Smith, head of the Thames Valley and Surrey Home Office Immigration Enforcement team, was pleased with the outcome.

He said: "This is another example of the successful work we are doing to combat sham weddings and civil partnerships in Oxfordshire.

"We work closely with registrars across the region to prevent people from abusing the marriage system, in a bid to get round our immigration laws.

"Where we receive information that a wedding may be suspicious, we will investigate and, if necessary, intervene and arrest those involved.

"I would urge anyone thinking of entering a sham marriage to think again as there is every chance that you will be detained and removed from the country."

The Home Office state that a sham marriage or civil partnership typically occurs when a non-European national marries someone from the European Economic Area.

It takes place as a means of attempting to gain long-term residency and the right to work and claim benefits in the UK.

Arrests are carried out by trained immigration officers who carry out the operations at businesses and private addresses, acting on protected intelligence.

• *St Aldates, where the attack took place*

Woman racially attacked while waiting for a taxi in Oxford

A 24-YEAR-OLD woman became the victim of a racially aggravated assault in Oxford while she was waiting for a taxi.

The victim was waiting with her friend in St Aldates, outside Santander bank, between 3.10am and 3.25am on November 30 where they became embroiled in an argument with a group of three women.

One of the group then racially abused the victim, before punching her in the face, causing her to fall to the floor.

The offender, who is white, aged between 20 and 25-years-old, of large build, with blonde dark hair, was restrained by her friends, and a man who was in the area at the time.

The offender's friends were also white, both with long blonde hair, between 20 and 25-years-old, and of slim builds. They were wearing short skirts.

The victim sustained a broken nose and was treated at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

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• *Staff with one of the reindeer on Thursday*

• *Cargo sales assistants dressed up for the occasion*

Reindeer join in the fun at Witney shop

A WITNEY shop was celebrating the run-up to Christmas last Thursday, as live reindeer entertained staff and children for the afternoon.

Cargo Witney, based in the Woolgate Centre, welcomed the reindeer to a pen outside the store, where youngsters could have their photograph taken with them.

The reindeer were at Cargo from 1pm to 5pm, and were introduced to people throughout the day.

Oxford professor 'plans reburial of Richard III'

By **Jack Johnson**
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AN ACADEMIC from Oxford University has put together an authentic order of service for the planned reburial of Richard III.

Dr Alexandra Buckle, of St Anne's and St Hilda's colleges, was able to do this after finding the only known document explaining how a medieval reburial would have been carried out.

She has even recreated what she believes to be the correct music for the event.

The manuscript, which is a late 17th century copy of a 15th century document, was found in the British Library and Dr Buckle has since translated it into English from Latin.

She discovered the document during her research into Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, for her doctorate.

Dr Buckle describes the service as 'elaborate' while it contains two new prayers known only to survive in the document.

She said: "The new prayers are an exciting find as they draw on the famous "dry bones" passage from the bible and the transferral of Joseph's bones from Egypt to Canaan.

"Both prayers focus on bones and were therefore wholly appropriate for a reburial service."

Dr Buckle is on the committee for Richard III's planned reburial at Leicester Cathedral next year.

She added that Richard III attended two reburials while on the throne - his father Richard, Duke of York, and his ancestor Henry VI.

"He honoured a long tradition of kings reburying kings and nobles reburying nobles, and this suggests he would have liked to have been honoured in a similar way today," she said.

"I believe that I have put together a service which very closely resembles the way Richard would have reburied his father and, presumably, given the nature of his own undignified burial, reflects the sort of reburial he would have wanted for himself."

The service is said to require the bones to be sprinkled, censed, covered and blessed before reburial.

Old Vicarage needs your help this Christmas!

AN OXFORDSHIRE care home is appealing for volunteers to spend a festive afternoon with staff and residents on Monday, to get the site ready for Christmas.

The Old Vicarage, in Moulsford, is asking for local people to help put up decorations to get the home into the Christmas spirit, with the promise of music and mince pies during the afternoon.

Volunteers can hang baubles, make paper chains, drape tinsel and untangle lights, or anything to spread Christmas cheer at the home.

It is part of the Act Kind campaign from Friends of the Elderly, who operate the Moulsford home.

Each year around 450,000 people spend Christmas Day alone, and the charity is encouraging everyone to undertake an act of kindness over the festive season to help those facing Christmas alone.

As a result of the campaign, they hope to break down the boundaries that are creating loneliness and isolation amongst older people.

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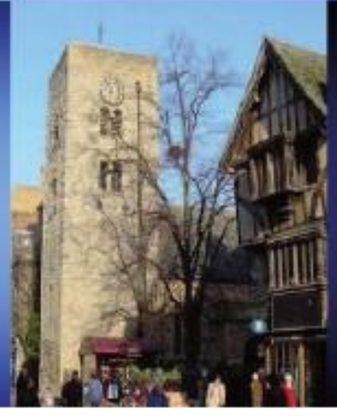

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Fast broadband boost set for city businesses

By Adam Flinn
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BUSINESSES in Oxford are set to receive a funding boost to enable them to take advantage of ultra-fast broadband in the city, in a scheme announced by the city council.

Small and medium-sized businesses will be able to apply for a voucher enabling them to get funding, with money coming from central government.

It will be launched in Oxford in early 2014, and follows on from the Super Connected Cities announcement from earlier this year where the council was awarded £3.1m from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Cllr Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "The voucher scheme is designed to provide support for small and medium-sized businesses to set up an ultra-fast broadband connection that will develop their potential.

"The council's scheme will be open from early in the new year.

"It is aimed at businesses that can use ultra-fast connections to expand and grow their businesses across the UK, Europe and the rest of the world."

Communications minister Ed Vaizey said: "The broadband market is moving at an incredible place.

"Today, businesses expect and demand faster and faster broadband to compete in the global race.

"Connection vouchers will be an important tool for cities in helping to address that demand, and government has now allocated up to £100m to provide a digital boost to super connected cities like Oxford."

The scheme will allow businesses to apply for grants of up to £3,000 each, which would be used to cover the costs of installing faster and better broadband.

It is part of the government's plan to deliver fast broadband, with funding coming from the £150m Super Connected Cities programme.

Businesses interested in registering for one of the vouchers should go to www.connectionvouchers.co.uk.

Forget Mrs Claus, it's Nanny Christmas!

AN OXFORDSHIRE plant nursery is hosting events for children running every evening between now and Christmas Eve to raise money for charity.

Bunkers Hill Nursery, near Kidlington, will be home to Nanny Christmas in her cosy log cabin each evening, where children can listen to a story while sitting in front of her glowing log fire.

Meanwhile, Rudolph's Reindeer Hunt lets children search for the hidden reindeer and discover clues and a secret word, where they can win a prize and certificate.

Nursery owner Andrew Leaning said: "My daughter Lucy has recently qualified as a Norland Nanny, having spent four years training.

"Therefore we thought it would be fun to have a 'Nanny Christmas' rather than a Santa's Grotto like everybody else.

"Children really like having a Christmas story read to them, and parents are keen to take photos for free.

• *Nanny Christmas outside her cabin at Bunkers Hill Nursery*

Both are running from 3.30pm to 7.30pm, and costs £1 per child. For more details about the nursery, go to www.bunkershillgardenshop.co.uk.

Mayor's Column

Axel MacDonald
Mayor of Didcot

We will continue to see town improvements

December is a time for celebration, contemplation and taking stock of where we are and making plans for the next year. Various Christmas carol services will be run throughout the region to celebrate the birth of Jesus and families will be gathering to spend the upcoming holiday together. It is with sadness that not all family members may be there. The sad news of Terry Joslin's passing was widely reported in the local press. He was passionate about the world leading science in the area from the synchrotron at Diamond Light Source on the Harwell campus to nuclear fusion research at Culham. Not forgetting the ground breaking research into battery technology and medical products within the Harwell/ Milton Park/ Abingdon/Culham science sites. At the centre of this lies Didcot.

Didcot is an expanding town and there are great expectations of new sports, recreational and shopping facilities together with the expectation of a hotel. With its excellent rail link and location, it seems strange the town does not have a moderately sized hotel but the hope is this will be remedied by the Didcot Gateway development. It will be up to the town, district and county councillors to ensure the development of Didcot, as it transforms from its village past into a town of modest size, is sympathetic to the needs of its residents. There is the hope that 2014 will bring with it news Didcot residents are waiting to hear of phase two of the Orchard centre development, firm plans for the Didcot Gateway, new sports facilities without compromising existing facilities, such as the Didcot Wave, and suitable and sufficient improvements to our infrastructure to take account of the additional traffic as a result of the town's expansion. One prediction I make for 2014 is that the changes in Didcot will continue, the skyline will change as demolition of Didcot A power station progresses and with the grace and good sense of our councillors, we will continue to see improvements in the town. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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It's not worth risk - police

THAMES Valley Police's Christmas drink-drive campaign 'Is It Worth The Risk?' has seen a 25 per cent increase in the number of those arrested in the region compared to last year, it has been announced.

The figures are taken from the first nine days of December.

So far 21 people have been arrested in Oxfordshire, with a total of 84 in the Thames Valley.

Of those arrested, the oldest was a 75-year-old woman in Bicester, while the youngest was an 18-year-old woman in Henley.

The campaign is a joint initiative between Thames Valley and Hampshire police forces, and has been running since the start of the month.

Chief inspector Henry Parsons, of the forces' Joint Operations Unit, said: "Drinking and driving wrecks lives, most obviously the hundreds of victims and their loved ones who are killed each year.

"But it also changes the lives of the people who are selfish or stupid enough to drive when they are not fit to do so.

"If you choose to drink and drive, and it is a choice, you face a driving ban, up to £5,000 in fines and a criminal record."

I was amazed to see myself on TV!

By **Jack Johnson**
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CHRISTMAS is fast approaching and the festive adverts are commonplace on our television screens.

People often have their favourites and voice opinions on which advert is the best but for 11-year-old Max Webb from Headington there is only one winner.

Max, who attends Cheney School in Oxford, appears in KFC's festive advert called 'Unite This Xmas'.

He appears with four other children who have thrown a snowball that smashes a window, but find themselves forgiven because it is Christmas.

The TV advert is a tongue-in-cheek version of the traditionally sentimental Christmas adverts and features a ballad sung by various characters.

They all gather round the Christmas dinner table to tuck into buckets of KFC while they sing lyrics such as "Eleven months a year, you drive me mad, this year you don't seem so bad."

Max, who wants to be a movie star when he is older, had two auditions before getting the role.

He said: "When I found out I was happy and excited as well.

"I was amazed when I saw myself on TV and it was on the screen right in front of me. It made me really happy."

The advert took three days to film and Max added: "I enjoyed all the filming.

"It was fun and hard work at the same time, I got to meet lots of people, everyone was really nice.

"I had a really good time and I feel lucky to have been on TV."

Max's mum Sue said: "The children the KFC casting team put together were chosen so well, they were all very similar and it was like they had always known each other.

"We are still in touch with them now, which is really nice."

• *Max Webb and (inset) a still from the advert*

Concern over missing teen Sammy, 15

• *Sammy McAllister*

POLICE are currently appealing for the public's help to find a missing teenager.

Fifteen-year-old Sammy McAllister has been missing from Birmingham since November 18.

However, he is believed to be in the Oxford area as he has family and friends in the city.

He is described as 5ft 6ins with dark hair, has facial hair and is of a medium build.

Officers involved in the search are becoming increasingly concerned about the 15-year-old's health and welfare and would be grateful for any news that could help them locate him.

If you have any information about Sammy's whereabouts please contact the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

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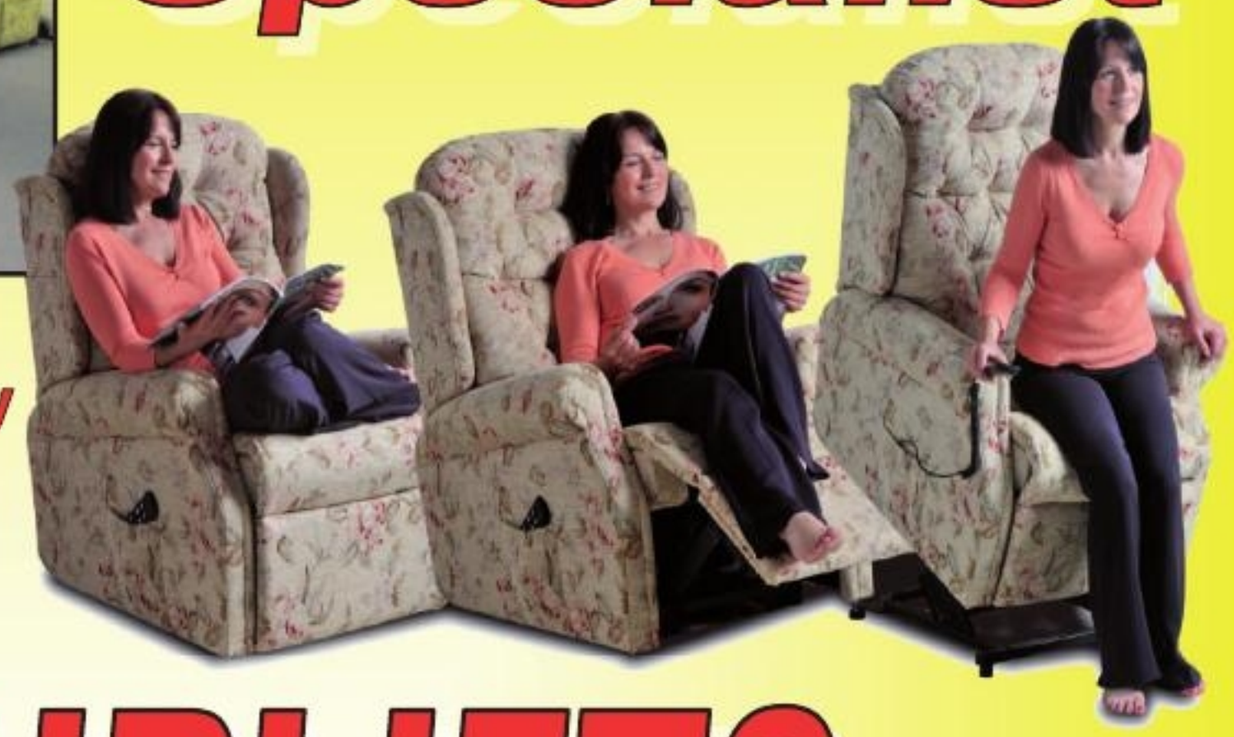

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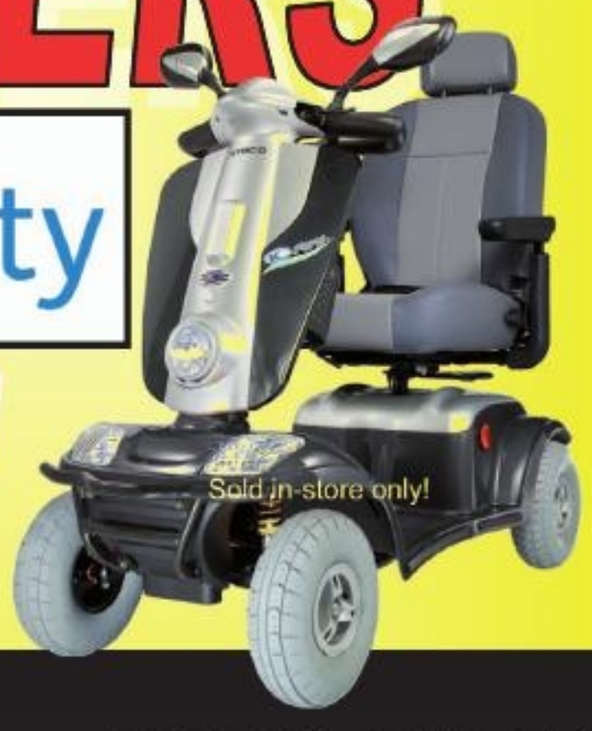

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News Bites

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Each year the council deals with around 250 stray dogs as well as fouling issues and noise complaints. To report stray dogs, dog fouling or loud barking call 01993 861020.

Charity sale

A CHARITY table top sale is taking place in Witney on Saturday, to raise money for mental and emotional health charity Oxfordshire Mind.

Craft stalls, clothes sale and a teddy tombola are some of the things on offer, which is being held at Langdale Hall in Witney's Market Square from 10am until 2pm.

For more details, contact Karen Whelan by emailing kp_nut@live.co.uk.

Men charged

TWO men have been charged with burglaries and fraud by false representation, following recent incidents in Adderbury and Bloxham. A 32-year-old from Adderbury and a 36-year-old from King's Sutton were arrested and charged on Friday.

'Positive result' for police after raids

• *Officers force open the door at the Lidsey Road property*

• *Sgt Kat Hibbert with the drugs seized during Thursday's raid*

By Adam Flinn
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TWO men have been arrested following drugs raids by police in Banbury last week, which saw the force seize a quantity of cannabis and cocaine.

On Thursday morning, police attended a property on Lidsey Road, Bretch Hill, and forced the door open.

Once inside, officers searched the property as well as two cars parked outside, leading to the arrest of a 42-year-old man on suspicion of possession with intent to supply after finding a "fairly large" amount of cannabis.

A second raid on Friday evening took place at an address on Bloxham Road, where a 27-year-old man was arrested on the same charge after officers found cannabis and cocaine.

Both have since been released on bail.

Sgt Kat Hibbert, who led the raids, commented: "We had a positive result. We found a quantity of drugs, and disrupted suspected drug dealers by acting upon information given to us.

"The Banbury neighbourhood team will continue to listen to our communities to find information and intelligence about drug dealing, and we will follow it up from there."

Scrap metal regulations

CHERWELL District Council have introduced scrap metal licenses across the area, under new legislation designed to reduce thefts.

On December 1, the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 came into force across the UK, and requires all collectors and dealers to undergo checks by local authorities to verify their suitability.

Individuals and companies who deal in scrap metal will have to apply for a license through the council, costing £270 for mobile collectors or £455 for those operating from a site.

Cllr Tony Ilott, lead member for public protection, said: "Scrap metal thefts are a growing problem across the UK, including Cherwell, and are expensive to both the victim and taxpayer who have to fund police investigations.

"This new law will help to make illegal scrap metal dealings harder to undertake and easier to trace.

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Top literacy honour for Carterton girl Jodie, 16

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Carterton student Jodie Evans has been honoured as one of the country's top Literacy Heroes.

The 16-year-old was honoured at Clarence House last week at an event hosted by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall.

Jodie is a former Carterton Community College student and was involved in the reinstallation of the school library.

After finishing her GCSE exams she volunteered at her local library to support younger children in the Creepy House Summer Reading Challenge.

She was nominated by Rosemary Stables, her former English teacher.

The 16-year-old was one of 10 Literacy Heroes chosen as part of a campaign run by the National Literacy Trust to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Ms Stables feels Jodie fully deserves the award.

"She believes that a library is 'the centre of the school' and that reading matters because it 'takes you to different places'.

"I genuinely believe that without Jodie's support our library would not have been the same and we have missed her very much since she left."

By Jack Johnson
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Jodie was chosen from hundreds of public nominations by a panel of celebrity judges.

The panel included authors Joanna Trollope, Cressida Cowell and Dorothy Koomson, entrepreneur Levi Roots, actor, comedian and writer Miles Jupp, and columnist Lucy Mangan.

Authors Lauren Child, Charlie Higson, Anthony Horowitz and Axel Sheffler all attended the event.

When first starting at the community college, Jodie lacked confidence in English due to her dyslexia.

Throughout her time at the school Jodie built up her confidence through determination and hard work.

Her confidence was enhanced by weekly riding sessions with a 'Riding for the Disabled' group.

She later became an active volunteer in the restoration of the school library.

The National Literacy Trust is a national charity dedicated to raising literacy levels in the UK's poorest communities.

Abingdon garage helps local RBL to raise £15k

AN Abingdon-based car dealership has done its bit to help raise funds for the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

Lodge Hill Garage on Oxford Road is easily recognisable for its spitfire on the roof.

And this year, it donated £50 for every car sold at the garage over the Remembrance weekend.

Chris Meacey, Poppy Appeal organiser for the Abingdon and district branch of the RBL, said: "The efforts of Lodge Hill has helped us exceed £15,000 in the area."

Lodge Hill manager, Nigel Murrin, presented a cheque to Mr Meacey at the garage last week.

Mr Murrin confirmed the garage would be donating again next year, but over the course of the whole week in the lead up to Remembrance weekend.

• *Nigel Murrin and Chris Meacey*

News Bites

Tools stolen

A CHAIN saw and hedge trimmer have been taken from a house in Church Enstone.

Between 4pm on November 29 and 4pm on December 2 offenders burgled a property off the Bicester Road, forcing the door lock on the garage.

Boots burgled

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after the Boots store in Bell Street, Henley, was burgled on December 4.

At 3.40am, police officers saw offenders wearing black ski jackets loading a large quantity of toiletry gift sets into a red Ford Fiesta, which had a false number plate ending MHK.

However, despite pursuing the offenders, the officers were unable to make an arrest.

Biker dies

A 24-year-old motorcyclist from Kidlington who was injured in a collision on December 3 has died in hospital.

At around 5.10pm on the eastbound carriageway of the A40 between Minster Lovell and Ducklington a red Yamaha scooter was involved in a collision with a white Hiace van.

Officers are continuing to appeal for any witnesses.

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Let's keep harping on!

CLASSICAL music quartet 4 Girls 4 Harps come to Didcot Cornerstone next Thursday, as part of their Christmas tour following the release of their latest album earlier this month.

By Adam Flinn
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Made up of Harriet Adie, Eleanor Turner, Elizabeth Scorah and Keziah Thomas, the group will be playing music from the new album '4 Girls 4 Harps At Christmas' among their setlist.

"We've been together since 2000, so a really long time now, with a slightly different membership over the years," said founding member Harriet.

"Myself and Eleanor met aged 14 and we were both students at the Royal College of Music Junior Department, and we started doing harp music there.

"Keziah joined in 2001, and Elizabeth joined in January this year, so she's the newest member by quite a long way, but has so far slotted in really well."

The new album comes as the girls have wanted to record a Christmas album for a number of years, particularly as they believe the harp is one of the instruments most associated with the festive period.

They have collaborated with a number of composers for the album, including soprano Helen Winter, who features on three carols.

All four girls are recognised as some of the best harp players in Europe, and Harriet in particular has been playing since she was a child.

She said: "It's one of those things, because I played from such an early age, I don't actually remember what made me want to take it up.

"I think it was because I used to listen to a lot of ballet music as a child, as there's lots of harp in that music.

"It was just hearing the sound of the harp in that way that made me want to play it as an instrument."

Next week's show starts at 7.30pm, and tickets cost £14.50. For booking details and more information, go to www.cornerstone-arts.org or phone 01235 515144.

• *4 Girls 4 Harps make their first ever visit to Didcot next Thursday (Picture courtesy of Harleymoon Kemp)*

Russell Brand

COMEDIAN Russell Brand is bringing his new show the 'Messiah Complex' to the New Theatre tomorrow.

Russell is known for his controversial comedy, and this show certainly isn't for the easily offended as he discusses religion, sex and politics.

Tickets cost £32.40 for a 7.30pm start. For more details, go to www.newtheatreoxford.co.uk or call 0844 871 3020.

Happy Mondays

ALTERNATIVE rock band Happy Mondays are celebrating the 25th anniversary of their album 'Bummed' at the O2 Academy tomorrow evening.

Shaun Ryder and co bring back the popular album which was first released in 1988 with it sounding as dangerously hedonistic as it did 25 years ago.

Doors open at 7pm while tickets cost £28.

Phoenix Piano

THE Phoenix Piano Trio will be playing pieces by Haydn, Korngold and Brahms at St. John the Evangelist Church on Sunday evening (7.30pm).

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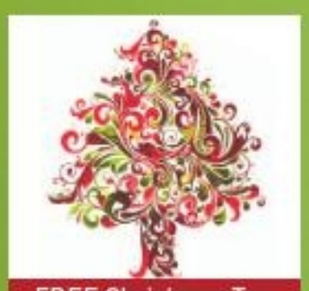

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Oxford's Hidden Spires

HIDDEN Spire, a collaboration between professional artists and homeless people to produce a unique theatre performance, comes to The Old Fire Station from today.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Since September, homeless people from charity Crisis, who share a building with The Old Fire Station, have been attending workshops and classes on acting, writing and set design, as part of the special performance.

The idea for Hidden Spire came from Jeremy Spafford, who is director of arts at The Old Fire Station.

He said: "We've got 10 professional artists of different disciplines who have been working over the last three months with homeless people who come into the Crisis Centre.

"The Crisis Skylight members have devised this show, which contains music, poetry, movement and dialogue, and has a very clear narrative and structure.

"The story is based in a clock shop, with the idea that it's where people go to get their clocks and watches mended, although of course nobody gets them mended anymore, they just buy new ones.

"So it's an exploration of how you deal with luck, how you deal with chance, and how you deal with risk."

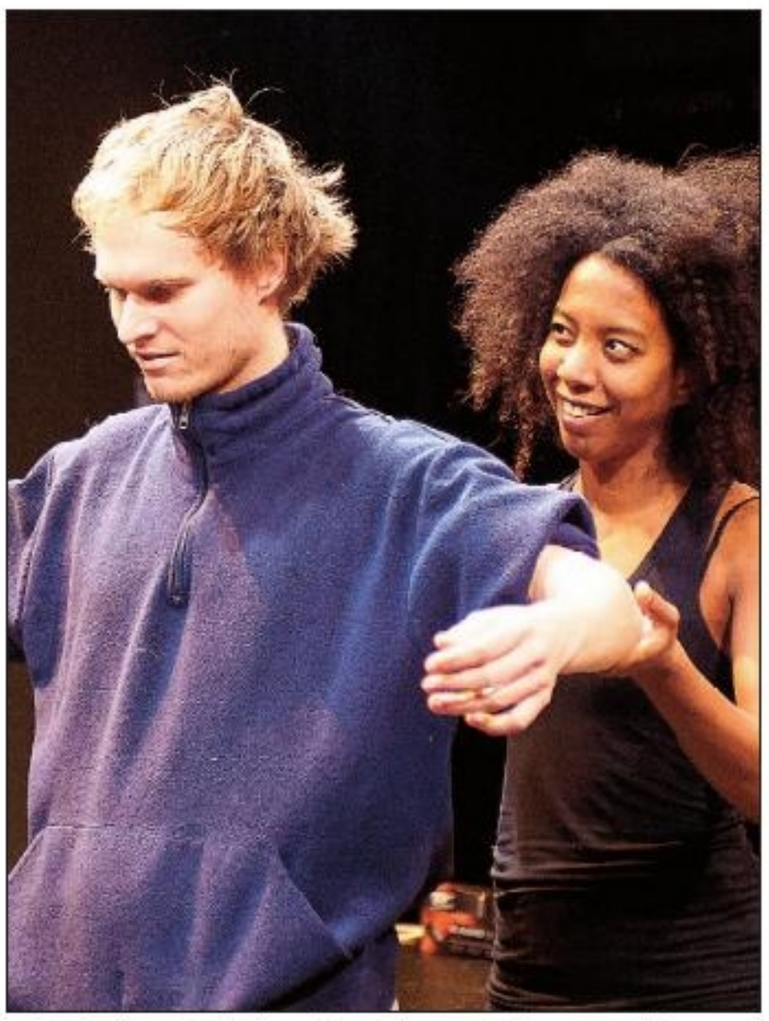
The project began last year, and is the biggest collaboration between the two organisations since The Old Fire Station reopened in 2011.

Jeremy added: "You have this intriguing mix of the honesty and integrity of amateur performers who bring an enormous amount with them to the stage, and professionals who bring all the training and technique you'd expect.

"We're very proud of it - we wouldn't be promoting it and charging for tickets if we didn't think it was a seriously good night out.

"I think that people will also be intrigued by the process that is behind the show as well as the show itself."

Hidden Spire is running from today until Saturday, and tickets cost £12.



• *Professional artists and homeless people are working together for Hidden Spire*

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Get back into the Darkness

AFTER supporting Lady Gaga and releasing their new album 'Hot Cakes' last year, The Darkness are back in Oxford and performing at the O2 Academy tonight.

The glam rock quartet are will be performing songs from their new album as well as hits such as 'I Believe In A Thing Called Love' and 'Christmas Time' (Don't Let The Bells End). Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £25. Call 0844 477 2000.

Ukulele club at Kenton Theatre

THE International Ukulele Club of Sonning Common (IUCSC) are at the Kenton Theatre in Henley this evening.

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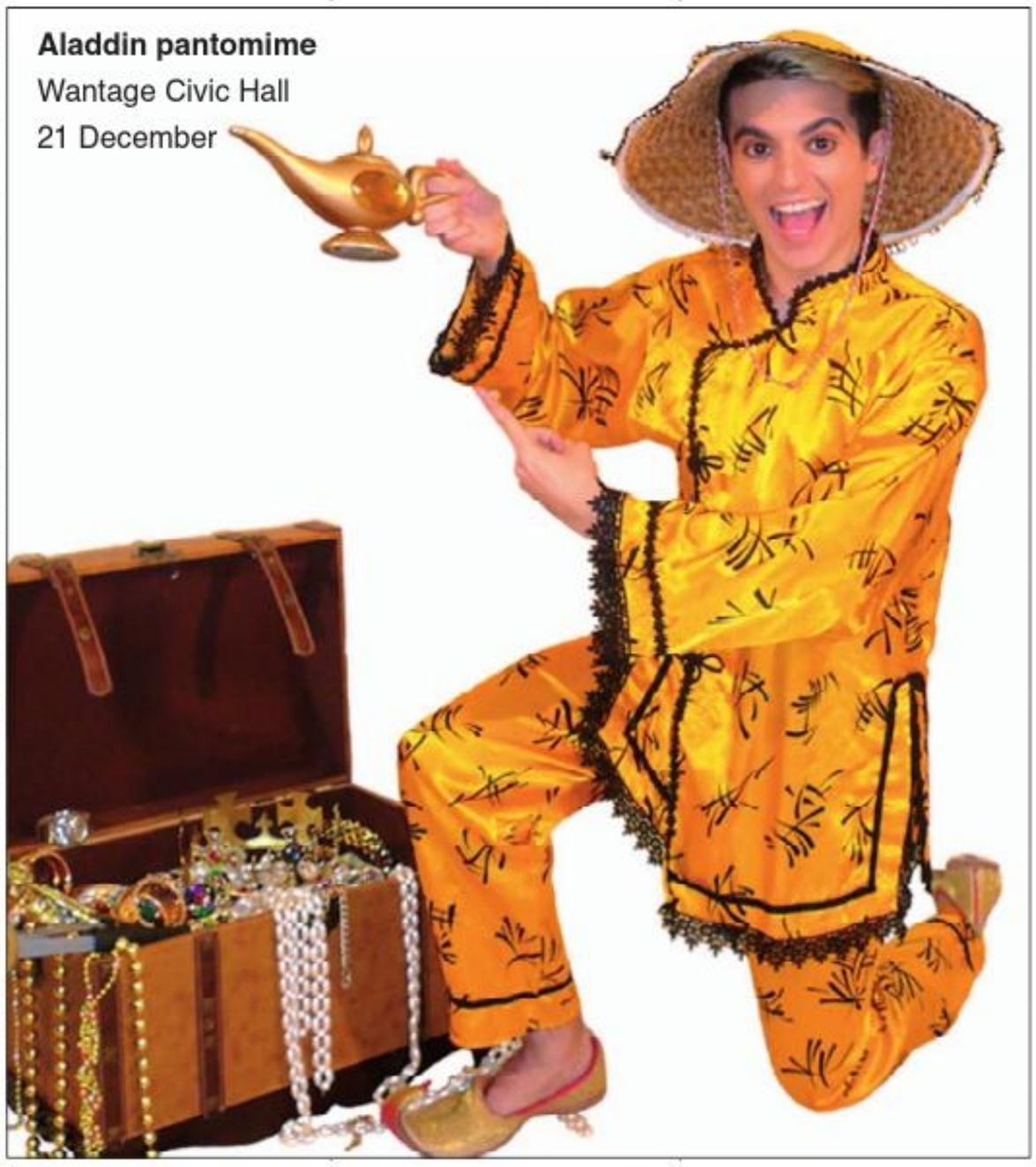

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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

4	6	2	1					
		3			4	7		8
5				9	2		4	
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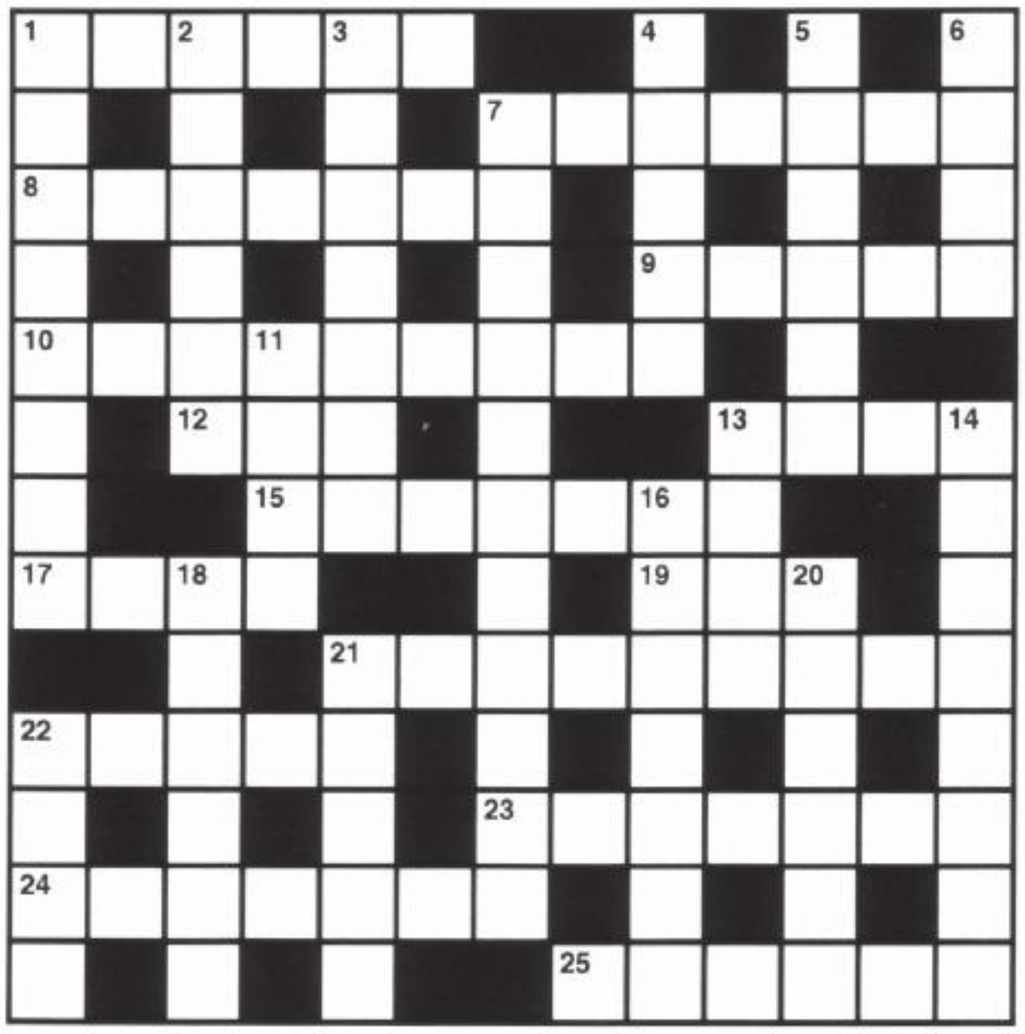
Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across
1 Handcart (6)
7 Bitter repentance (7)
8 Hug (7)
9 Female relative (5)
10 Twisted (9)
12 Coal distillate (3)
13 Groups (4)
15 A chemical element (7)
17 Maiden (4)
19 Wholly (3)
21 Meddle (9)
22 Dislikes (5)
23 Lewd (7)
24 Sure (7)
25 Happily (6)

Quick Clues Down
1 Producing young (8)
2 Strong (6)
3 Speakers (7)
4 Correct (5)
5 Chill (6)
6 No more than (4)
7 Reparation (11)
11 Appendage (4)
13 Identity (4)
14 Strictly (8)
16 Sunshade (7)
18 Sharp reply (6)
20 Myth (6)
21 Moslem religion (5)
22 Wine (4)

Cryptic Clues Across
1 Shown compassion and heard to be scarred (6)
7 The supporters don't come forward (7)
8 Narcotic effect of Southernwood? (7)
9 Strict US soldier gets cut free (5)
10 Arrogant little devil will hesitate to take on debts (9)
12 Lose strength as 17 does endlessly (3)
13 Somehow robs the globes (4)
15 Thus putting to a purpose a thorough drenching (7)
17 Wise man in the garden (4)
19 It's taken from mine (3)
21 Craft intended, we hear, to go south for consignments (9)
22 They always wear wool next to the skin (5)
23 Steals a little sleep? (7)
24 Minus? (7)
25 Climbs the ranges (6)

Cryptic Clues Down
1 Time to go out for recreation (8)
2 They are tricky to play (6)
3 Set me up at the bar and try prohibition (7)
4 They are over wound (5)
5 One without a proverbial choice (6)
6 Employed in the house decorating trade (4)
7 Very useful for a spell of air travel (11)
11 The rest (of the letters by the sound of it) (4)
13 Man eating monster might well gore you (4)
14 Lives for the bus returning to my young sister up the road (8)
16 Wandering Dominican doesn't get in (7)
18 They are for putting balls on (6)
20 Necessitate coming in late (6)
21 Light fall? (5)
22 Bright boys presumably (4)



Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword
Across: 4 Spiced 8 Employs 10 Thought 11 Steep 12 Enter 13 Strangers 16 Abstinent 19 Trust 20 Nasty 22 Reasons 23 Holiest 24 Dressy
Down: 1 Beasts 2 Apse 3 Compensations 5 Processionals 6 Cogitate 7 Deters 9 Style 14 Regulate 15 Stared 17 Smash 18 Trysts 21 Seed

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 4 Purred 8 Engross 10 Princes 11 These 12 Tides 13 Clearance 16 Outweighs 19 Depot 20 Taken 22 Crayons 23 Tangent 24 Sateen
Down: 1 Septic 2 Ogle 3 To be or not to be 5 Uninteresting 6 Receding 7 Disuse 9 Spain 14 Elephant 15 Edicts 17 Trust 18 Sanity 21 Knee

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Frozen is just so cool!

By **Damon Smith**

LOOSELY based on The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Andersen, Frozen proves that Disney's animated heroines have unquestionably come of age.

Long gone are the rose-tinted days when princesses waited patiently for Prince Charming to sweep them off their feet or save them from some grim fate.

Now, the spunky, independent and self-assured heroines are just as smart and resourceful as their male contemporaries, and they don't need the love of a man to affirm their self-worth.

Frozen is a terrific fairytale adventure that melds old-fashioned values with state-of-the-art visuals and a rousing musical score with infectious songs by husband-and-wife team Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez.

Every beautifully coloured and crafted frame is crammed with wit and joy, drawing in audiences of all ages to the story of two sisters battling against both the elements and their fears to claim their rightful place on the throne.

Directors Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck don't let the pace flag and the 108 minutes pass in a blur of laughter, tears and frost-bitten action sequences, that look especially stunning in 3D with all of the computer-generated snowflakes fluttering just in front of your face.

You won't need to wrap up warm though because the story casts an irresistible warm glow to thaw even the most cynical and jaded heart.

As children, Anna (voiced by Kristen Bell) and Elsa (Idina Menzel) love to play together, taking full advantage of Elsa's ability to create ice and snow from her fingertips. When accident late one night almost ends in disaster, the King (Maurice LaMarche) agrees to wipe Anna's memory so she forgets about her sibling's hidden talents. At the same time, Elsa retires from public gaze, fearful that she will hurt someone else with her powers.

When the King and Queen are subsequently lost at sea, Elsa reluctantly emerges to claim the throne. Unfortunately, on her coronation day, her gloves come off and the locals witness her powers, branding her a witch.

She flees into the snowy mountains to live alone in a castle of ice. Anna gives chase, leaving the kingdom in the hands of her trusted sweetheart Prince Hans (Santino Fontana). As she ascends towards Elsa's hideaway, Anna meets hunky ice trader Kristoff (Jonathan Groff), his loyal reindeer Sven and a blissfully naive talking snowman called Olaf (Josh Gad).

Frozen is one of the best animated features to canter out of the Disney stable in years. Warm-hearted, uplifting and constantly surprising, it's a timeless fable that will appeal to both boys and girls thanks to uproarious comic relief from Olaf.

As an added treat, Frozen is preceded by a black and white Mickey Mouse short, Get A Horse, that seems to hark from a bygone era but has a wicked sting in the tail.

FROZEN

RELEASED: December 6

RATING: PG

RUN TIME: 125 mins

Animation/Musical/Comedy/Romance.

STARING: Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff, Josh Gad, Alan Tudyk, Santino Fontana, Ciaran Hinds, Maurice LaMarche

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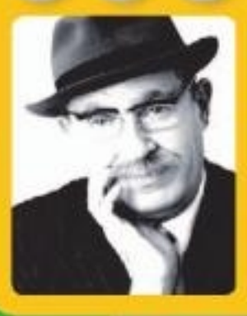

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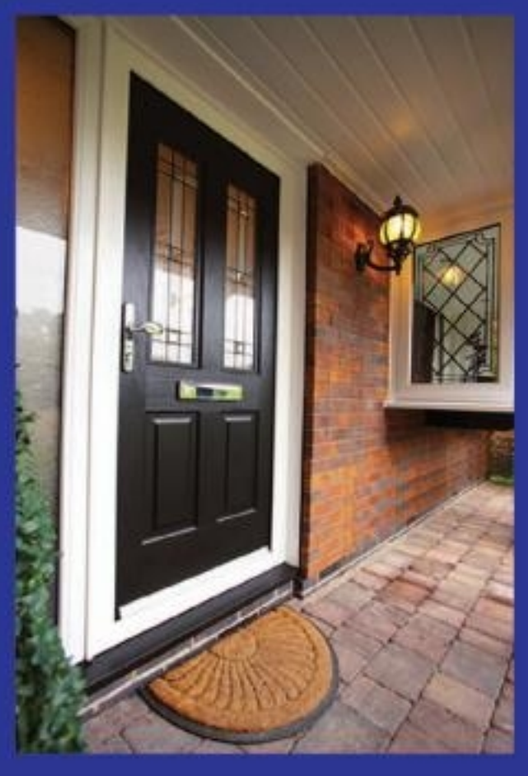

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Humble pie gets the Hollywood touch

By **Andy Welch**

"GOOD bake". "Nice crumb". "It's over-proved". "The gluten hasn't developed".

Four years ago, only expert bakers would have understood these terms. Now, thanks to Paul Hollywood and his Great British Bake Off co-judge Mary Berry, they've become familiar phrases in millions of home up and down the UK.

And it's not just Bake Off terminology that's been on the rise - the show has led to a staggering revival in home baking too.

"I can't go a day without someone coming up to me and showing me a photo on their phone of their latest loaf or cake," says Hollywood, 47. "I love it."

There's no respite on Twitter either, where celebrities including Fearne Cotton and Sarah Millican have taken to sending the famous baker pictures of their bakes, or asking for tips.

The fourth series of Bake Off ended recently with 31-year-old Frances Quinn's surprise victory, and once again supermarkets reported increased sales of baking ingredients and cake-making tools along the way.

"Where's my share?" jokes Hollywood. "I haven't got any money out of it."

That, of course, isn't quite true. The chef, who was born in Cheshire and is taking a live baking show on a tour of the UK next April, is now synonymous with baking. His Bread series and book were huge hits earlier this year and he's never been more in demand. Just two weeks after filming finished for Bake Off, he went straight to work on his latest offering, Pies & Puds. There's a book out now and a TV series will follow.

"It's hard fitting it all in," he says. "There's always something, but it's good to have loads going on, especially when it's all so much fun to work on.

"There are thousands of recipes out there, and it's just about being able to pick the right ones, harness the right ideas, and put them in a great package for people to try themselves."

There's no shortage of mouth-watering recipes in Pies & Puds. In the same way Bread introduced novices to basic techniques and walked them through more advanced methods, Pies & Puds includes basics like sausage rolls and quickly moves on to slightly more challenging tasks.

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The book is, as Hollywood says, like a cookery course, and one of his favourite recipes is his take on a classic. "I do a beef and ale pie, but use water buffalo instead of regular beef, and I must say the pie is absolutely gorgeous.

"Throughout the book I've twisted things, added new flavours, modernised classics and come up with a load of recipes that are beautiful to eat. It's about comfort food, really, and I'm celebrating what Britain's good at - pies, puddings and pastries."

"The main thing about everything I do is that I just love teaching. The idea that people are learning while watching and being inspired to try things is absolutely brilliant."

• *Bacon & egg pie, featured in Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds, published by Bloomsbury. Photo credit: PA Photo/Peter Cassidy/Bloomsbury.*

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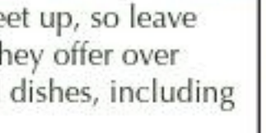

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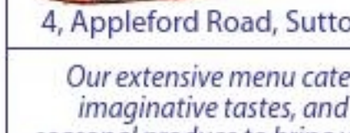

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Horoscopes

By Cassandra Nye

Your life in the stars

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)
Just when you least expect it, a bit of romance pops along. Taken by surprise you could give the wrong response. Smile and give yourself time to think. A relative may be pushing you to make a decision concerning the forthcoming holiday. Be flexible, but you do not have to go along with it to the word. Swapping days could be the ideal answer.

CAPRICON (December 22 - January 20)
A burst of enterprising spirit sees you coming up with a pretty good idea. It may not be the right time or place but file it for future use.

Placing yourself at someone's disposal gives a real insight into their character. Help them to go in the right direction by being open and honest. If they need a real friend they will find it in you. They do, however, have to believe that.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)
It does seem that, this week, everyone wants a slice of you. With plenty of energy at your disposal that shouldn't be too much of a problem. Involving a partner when you are going away from home can be a good idea. Shopping for holiday bargains? Running up to the weekend there are ample opportunities to find what you want.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)
Although you are putting on a show of confidence and bravado, you may feel quite the opposite. It is quite natural to feel sensitive about certain personal things. Confiding in a sympathetic relative could be the answer. An invitation for the weekend may not be exactly what you had in mind. However, nice surprises are likely, perhaps even a proposal.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)
An increase in your optimism this week is due to a long-awaited event. Finances should be looking up and could be tied with travel.

Relatives may come up with an unmissable invitation. If you are unsure who should share this time with you, consider your companion in a long-term way. Will spending time with your family and this person help to progress the relationship, and do you want it to?

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
There is every reason for optimism this week. Some good news for you or someone close brightens the outlook. Chance meetings can

open your mind, so why not go along to some activities that do not normally appeal? Being in new places can also mean meeting someone who could influence your life for the better. Finances show improvement but still need careful handling.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Are you finding you have a lot of support from others? Repay the compliment by helping them in return. Indeed, group activities this

week make a big difference to both your mood and finances. Travel can be tricky at times, causing delays and mix-ups. Plan carefully and keep vehicles in good condition. An emotional time at the weekend should be anticipated and considered.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
A rewarding beginning to the week sees appreciation coming your way. Every now and again you need encouragement such as this.

Despite working life going better, romance is still not so perfect. It is hard to have patience but, as long as you have made your intentions and hopes clear, results will arrive. Forget any worries and spend time with younger people at the weekend.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)
It is never too soon to start planning for something that you want to do in the New Year. More preparation can mean less money and

time spent on it later. Although you have made something clear to a partner, the response seems slow in coming. Perhaps you need to repeat your request to bring home the point. If someone is being awkward, a word in the right place could move them along.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)
In a week full of friends and sentimentality, bring up something that has long puzzled you. This is a time to solve mysteries and throw

light onto the past. Looking into the family history can be a real shocker, so keep your sense of humour! Not very happy about something? Get it out in the open and then let it go. Regret is not for you, but the future is.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)
A comment made around the time of your birthday seems to be sticking in your mind. Do you really understand it? Having a chat

about it can be very cathartic. A partner comes up with an idea that you consider to be silly. Some of it may be, but are you sure that it has no merit? When you are being suspicious, your mind closes. Never a good state of affairs!

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)
Do you have a question to ask? A favour, perhaps? Well, this is the week to do it. Waiting gives you less of a chance of a good answer.

Of course, we also know that you have to let people know what it is that you want, don't we? Perhaps communications with someone have been a bit complicated. Now is the ideal time to take a practical approach and just ask!

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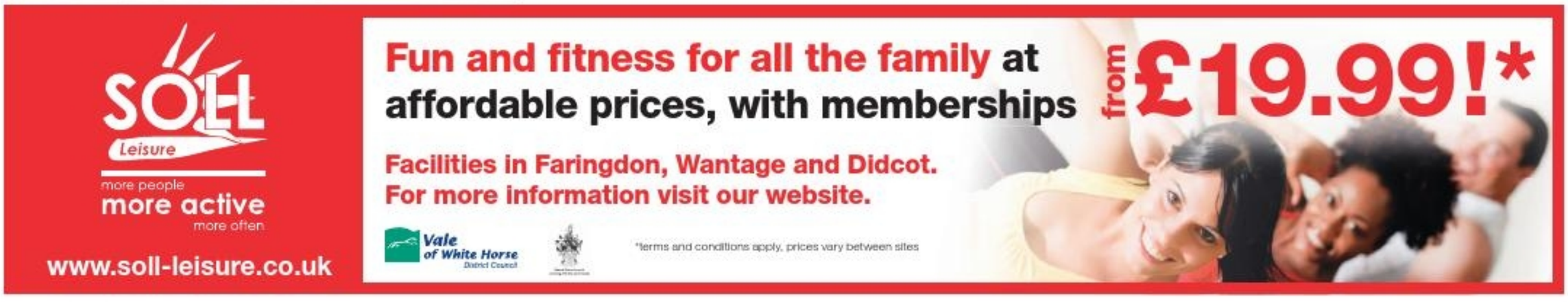
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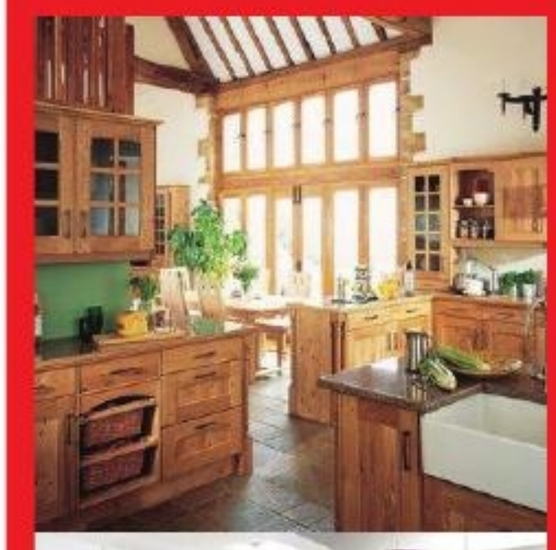

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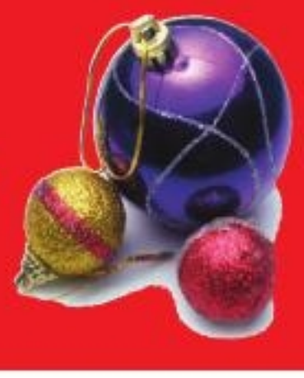

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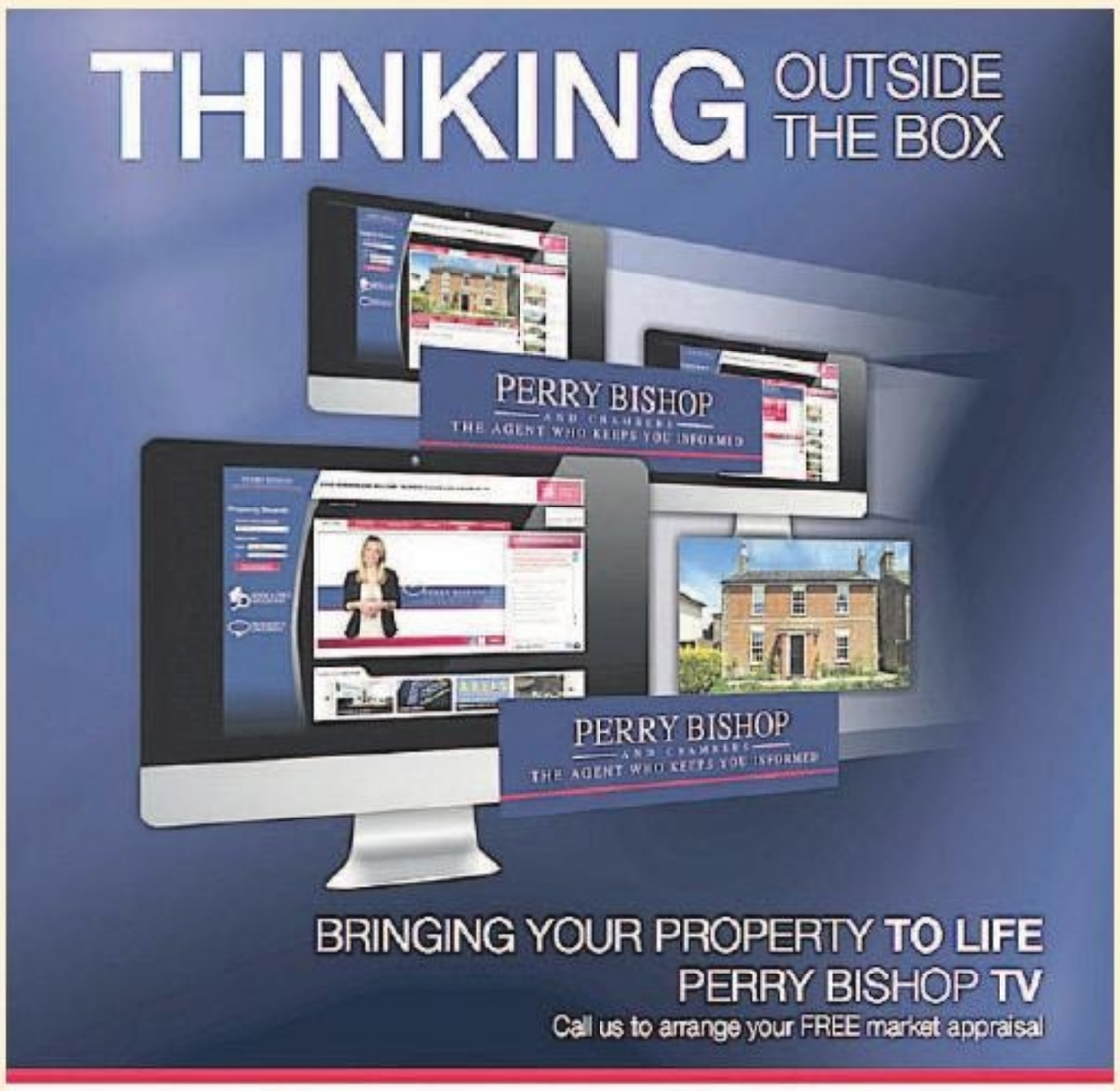
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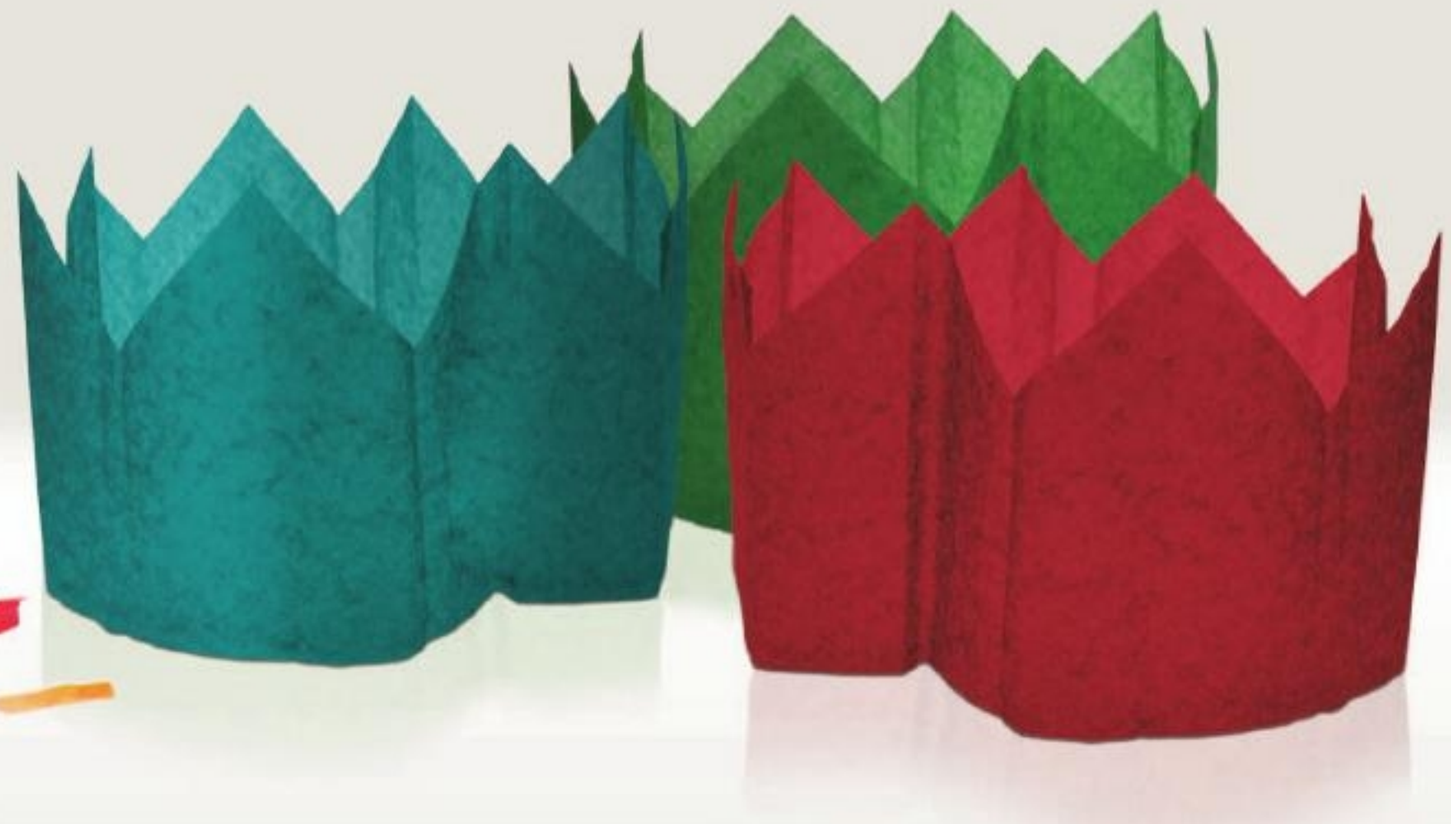

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Perfect family workhorse

REVIEW: VOLVO XC60

By **Philip Shoulder**

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VOLVO made quite an impression when it launched the XC60.

Possessing considerably sharper looks than its bigger XC90 brother, this compact SUV has been designed primarily for on-road, rather than off-road use. The 2013 model has a more dynamic look featuring LED rear lights and upmarket feel in the cabin, although the mechanicals have remained unchanged.

Once inside you're greeted to a stylish, modern and spacious cabin, showcased by Volvo's visually appealing floating centre console and Sensus infotainment system. Some of the sat-nav directions lacked clarity and the input method isn't as intuitive as touch-screen alternatives. What does impress is the car's PremiumSound audio system. On the practicality front the XC60 scores well, with a generous 495 litre boot capacity. Rear accommodation is commodious, too, with only very tall passengers likely to be short on headroom.

The XC60 has a commanding and comfortable driving position and you feel very safe and secure once aboard. There are lots of electronic safety systems, from simple seatbelt reminders to other more advanced warning intervention alerts, including Lane Assist, Bliss (Blind Spot Warning System). New optional safety equipment includes Road Sign Information, Active High Beam and Tunnel Detection.

XC60 is offered with a selection of diesel engines, which all emit 139g/km of CO_2, regardless of power output.

Fitted with the 163 bhp 2.0 litre 5-cylinder diesel engine affords the Swedish compact SUV with adequately strong performance. The motor's relaxed and smooth power delivery makes for easy cruising. It also has an interesting offbeat sound – particularly when extended, but can become a bit rattly at lower speeds.

Without doubt, the XC60s biggest overall strength is the way it cossets its occupants. From the big comfy leather seats to the impressive suppression of wind, road and suspension noise. Which is perhaps just as well, because the slightly numb steering and the car's overall heft, prevents it from offering much engagement for the keener driver, although never feeling unwieldy. The adaptive suspension also has the ability to firm-up the tension of the dampers, but it does so at the expense of ride comfort.

Verdict:

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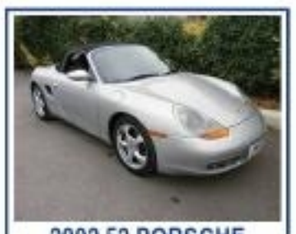

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According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, during Winter 'the biggest single danger is being unable to see properly' so visibility is key. Worn or split wiper blades may cause them to leave smears and greasy marks on the windscreen and affect visibility, so to avoid these hazards we will replace your front wiper blades where applicable.

Check battery condition

During the Winter flat batteries are consistently the number one reason for breakdown, so during our Winter Service, we check it out, clean the terminals and top up the fluids to ensure it is ready for the perils of Winter.

Check the condition & pressures of tyres

The tread depth, tyre condition and pressure of your tyres are essential items that should be checked as is vitally important that your tyres grip the road properly to reduce the risk of skidding and aquaplaning in Wintery conditions. Julians fully endorse the guidelines set by the Tyre Industry Council, which state that tyres should be considered for changing when the tread depth remaining reaches approximately 3mm, at which depth they are 78% worn.

Check operation & condition of lights

Lights should be checked to ensure they are working properly. It is important to make sure lights are free from dirt; this includes your headlights, fog lights and indicators, so we will thoroughly check the operation and condition of your lights to ensure they are working efficiently

Check & top up all under bonnet fluid levels

We check all under bonnet fluids levels.

Check and top up brake, clutch and washer fluid

Check antifreeze content and advise*

Visual Safety Check

As part of our Duty of Care to you, we will carry out a visual safety check of your vehicle, we will inform you of the condition of your vehicle and what remedial work, if any, need to be done and on what timescale.

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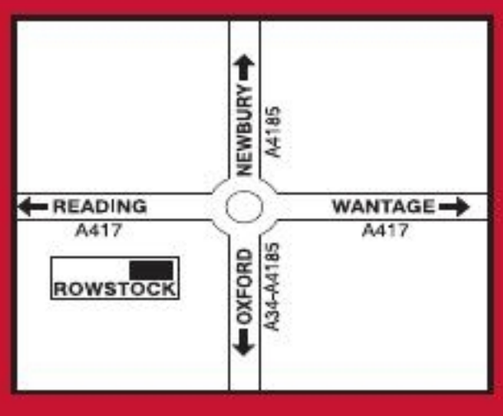

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Williams puts Dragons to sword as U's progress

Ryan Williams caused all sorts of problems as Oxford United beat Wrexham in the second round of the FA Cup (Picture by Steve Daniels)

By **Jack Johnson**
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GOALS from James Constable and Ryan Williams booked Oxford United's place in the third round of the FA Cup as they saw off Conference side Wrexham 2-1 on Monday evening.

United's reward is a third round tie at Championship strugglers Charlton Athletic which will be played over the weekend of January 4 and 5.

Chris Wilder's side have already played at The Valley this season where they suffered a 4-0 defeat in the first round of the Capital One Cup on August 6.

However, a lot has changed since the sides met three months ago as United sit top of League Two and The Addicks are struggling in 21st in the Championship.

United's first round replay win over Gateshead last Thursday and second round triumph over the Dragons earlier this week further highlighted the team spirit at the club.

Despite the speculation surrounding Wilder and the vacant manager's job at Portsmouth along with the absence of the injured Michael Raynes and Johnny Mullins, United battled to a 1-0 victory in arctic conditions against the Heed.

Full-backs Matt Bevans and David Lynn made their debuts while David Hunt and Tom Newey moved into the centre of defence.

A defensive and determined performance saw them nick a 1-0 win in extra-time as Deane Smalley netted a 116th minute penalty for his seventh goal of the season.

At Wrexham it was a far more convincing performance.

There was no doubt over Wilder's future as former Crawley Town boss Richie Barker had been confirmed as the new Pompey manager earlier in the day while Danny Rose and Dave Kitson started the game despite being forced off against Gateshead through injury.

Mullins returned to the starting line-up with Bevans keeping his place at right-back but it was the Conference side that opened the scoring.

Dean Keates was allowed time to pick out Joe Clarke on the edge of the box and the Wrexham midfielder volleyed the Dragons ahead on 29 minutes.

Wrexham should have doubled their lead just after half-time but Ryan Clarke made an outstanding save to deny Johnny Hunt.

However, United's equaliser came on 54 minutes as Kitson found Constable in space on the edge of the area and the striker fired a brilliant shot into the bottom corner.

United were ahead just two minutes later as Wrexham allowed Scott Davies' long throw to bounce in the box and Williams snuck in to head past Andy Coughlin.

It was relatively comfortable from then on for Oxford but Clarke was forced into a brilliant save to deny Rob Ogleby in the last minute.

Wilder's men are back in league action this weekend as they welcome ninth-placed Dagenham & Redbridge to the Kassam Stadium.

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Nomads down Highworth

OXFORD City Nomads' won their first match in three on Saturday, as they beat Highworth Town 4-1 in the Hellenic Premier Division.

Nomads had only won one of their previous eight games before this weekend's match, and will next play league leaders Ardley United on Saturday.

Thame United put three past basement side at home to Abingdon Town, in a comfortable 3-0 victory for the hosts.

Town are still waiting for their first win of the season, with their five points all coming from draws in their 23 games played so far, and are back in action on Saturday as they welcome Reading Town.

Thame remain seventh with 42 points, one spot and four points ahead of Nomads, and play Freeland in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup on Saturday.

Elsewhere, Kidlington were knocked out in the third round of the FA Vase, after a narrow 3-2 loss at home to Bodmin Town.

Kidlington were Oxfordshire's last representatives in the competition for this year, but are back in action with an away trip to Bletchingdon in the county cup.

Quins back to winning ways

OXFORD Harlequins got back to winning ways on Saturday, with a dominant 62-3 home victory against Marlow.

The home side scored 10 tries on their way to victory, and stay seven points ahead of Windsor in the South West 1 East standings.

Grove RFC also got their campaign back on track with their first win in six games, as they comfortably beat Salisbury away 57-8.

They are now eighth in the standings with 30 points, 26 behind leaders Harlequins, after 13 games so far this season.

Elsewhere, Henley Hawks were beaten for the first time in three weeks, as they suffered a 32-21 home defeat to Fylde.

Henley have had a mixed season in the SSE National League 1 so far, and currently occupy ninth place in the table with 33 points.

Chinnor were also beaten at the weekend when they travelled to face Taunton Titans, losing 20-15.

It means they have dropped a position to 10th in the SSE National League 2 South standings, with seven wins and seven losses so far this season.

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Bright Stars

OXFORD City Stars racked up the points on Saturday, as they surged to an 11-5 win against Slough Jets in the league cup.

Stars have won their three games in the cup so far this season, which has also included two victories against Swindon Wildcats 2.

Their next cup game is away to the Bristol Pitbulls on December 28, and return to league action against the Invicta Mustangs on Saturday.

Hawks draw

OXFORD Hawks once again missed out on victory in the Southern Premier Division 1 hockey league on Saturday, as they could only draw at home to London Wayfarers.

Wayfarers took the lead with the only goal in the first half, before Charlie Ellison and Jack Biggs put Hawks into the lead before the visitors pinched an equaliser in the final minute of the game.

Hawks are seventh in the table after 10 games with 14 points, one behind local rivals Oxford University.

Grudge match

OXFORD University rugby club are preparing for the 132nd varsity match against Cambridge University this afternoon, being played at Twickenham.

Oxford have won the last three varsity matches, although they trail 61-56 overall with 14 draws since the competition first started in 1872.

Club captain John Carter will also make history by being the first person for either team to lead his club for the third time. The match kicks off at 2pm.

Scott is the hero as City secure draw

MARK Scott was the hero for Oxford City on Tuesday evening as he saved two penalties in a 1-1 draw at home to Workington.

City are now unbeaten in three games in the Skrill North and are up to 16th in the table.

The draw followed back-to-back wins over Vauxhall Motors and Worcester City, helping Mike Ford's men to their best run of form this season.

On Tuesday, Workington started the better and were awarded a penalty after Josef Jackson was fouled by Adam Learoyd but Scott denied the striker.

On 50 minutes City took the lead through Learoyd but Benjamin McKenna equalised shortly afterwards.

Workington went in search of a winner and were awarded a penalty but Scott was again the hero, this time saving from Ross Wilson.

Big forward O'Keeffe signs for Oxford

OXFORD Rugby League will announce the signing of 22-year-old back rower Graham O'Keeffe this morning, as they continue their recruitment drive.

O'Keeffe also plays as a centre, and was previously with Limerick Treaty Titans in Ireland who recently secured their seventh league title.

He has also represented Ireland A in this year's amateur four nations campaign, as well as playing for Ireland Students in the 2013 Student Rugby League World Cup.

It was in this tournament that O'Keeffe scored a hat-trick, which helped them finish in seventh spot.

He said: "I am very excited to be presented with this opportunity and am looking forward to working with such an experienced coach in Tony Benson and all his backroom staff.

"I hope to bring an enthusiastic attitude and a willingness to learn off the more experienced players, and a will to win.

"I am aiming to play as many games as I can for the club and develop my game to its full potential."

Coach Tony Benson added: "He's a big forward, a lot like (fellow Oxford Rugby League player) JJ Laird, being quite quick and with a bit of skill about him as well."

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BOSS WARNS OF 'DOGFIGHT'

Concannon wants team to cut out individual mistakes

JOINT manager Ian Concannon is confident Didcot Town can turn their fortunes around after a 4-1 defeat at Tiverton Town on Tuesday night.

Shane Krac, Jon Heveran, Jamie Richards and a Sam Elkins own goal condemned Diddy to a third straight defeat in Divison One South & West, leaving them third from bottom in the table.

This Saturday, the Railwaymen will be looking to record their first win since November 27 as they welcome Mangotsfield United to the Loop Meadow Stadium.

Concannon said: "We will turn this around, it won't be long.

"We'll put points on the board, I'm confident of that.

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"It will be another tough game but it is about what we do and how we go about our business.

"We don't want to worry about how they set up and what they have got.

"If we set ourselves a standard and maintain that and play to the best of our ability without any silly mistakes, then we will get something positive from the game."

Individual errors are becoming a thorn in Didcot's side as mistakes proved to be the undoing of Concannon and Jamie Heapy's side on Tuesday.

"It's very frustrating because when we have all our players fit and available and we play to our potential we are a match for anybody, we proved that against Merthyr," Concannon said.

"We can do it and we have got it in our locker but if we are going to continue making silly individual mistakes it is going to snowball and before we know it we could be in a proper dogfight.

"We have just got to eradicate these silly mistakes.

"If people aren't going to listen and do the simple things then we will change it."

Midfielder Kameron Abbassi was sent off during Tuesday's defeat but would have missed this weekend's game after accumulating five bookings.

Although it is yet to be confirmed, Abbassi could also miss Didcot's games against North Leigh, Cinderford Town and Thatcham Town as a result of the dismissal against Tiverton.

Pablo Haysham will serve the fourth game of his seven-match ban this weekend.

• *Sam Elkins holds off a challenge during the 3-1 defeat to Paulton Rovers last weekend (Picture by Roger Neal)*

Oxford fight back to beat Wrexham in FA Cup clash

RYAN Williams starred for Oxford United as they booked their place in the third round of the FA Cup on Monday night.

James Constable and Williams netted for the U's to beat Conference side Wrexham 2-1 and set up a third round tie at Championship club Charlton Athletic.

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• *Ryan Williams (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

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